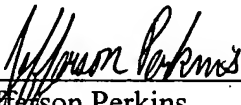


REMARKS

Prior to their examination at the U.S. national stage pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §371, Applicants have amended the claims to remove all multiple dependencies, to conform them to US practice and to remove informalities. Particularly in respect of Claim 4, Applicants have replaced “sheath” with “sheave”. Support for this amendment can be found in the specification at e.g. page 8, line 32 and page 23, line 23. This corrects the antecedent basis for “sheave” in claims 5 and 6.

Applicants now solicit an early action on the merits of this application. No fee is thought to be due with the submission of this Preliminary Amendment. However, the Director is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 503138 of Daspin & Aument, LLP for any fee deficiency.

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